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REP. MEYERS INTRODUCES FIRST BILL

MADISON – State Representative Beth Meyers (D – Bayfield) issued the following press release regarding her first legislative proposal which she introduced for co-authorship in the State Assembly on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. The proposal, LRB-0518/1 relates to funding for grants for Wisconsin's farm to school programs.

“This proposal which I have authored will provide much needed funding for farm to school grants which are administered through the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The funding will be a total of \$250,000 in fiscal years 2015–16 and 2016–17. These grants are used to connect schools with nearby farms which in turn connect Wisconsin’s children to locally produced foods, which provide nutritional and agricultural education and improve farmers’ incomes. It’s a win-win for all,” said Meyers.

Wisconsin's Farm to School activities throughout the state help to strengthen local economies by connecting the state's agricultural producers and food entrepreneurs to schools. These programs promote healthy and fresh alternatives for school children and at the same time they promote healthy eating habits at a young age. This proposal will benefit both school children as well as the Wisconsin agricultural community.

“In the 2013–15 biennial budget, there was no funding for these farm to school grants and it is time that the state starts to promote this exciting program again. I am pleased to work with my colleagues to promote Wisconsin’s Farm to School programs throughout the 74th Assembly District and the rest of the state. These programs play an important role for our local producers and for our school children,” said Representative Meyers.

Representative Meyers is hopeful that her first proposal as a State Representative will receive support among her legislative colleagues and that this proposal will have an opportunity to make its way through the legislative process.

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